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ITALIAN INVADERS PUSH OVER ISONZO RIVER IN ADVANCE

Arrive at Monfalcone, Thirty Miles From Trieste, Says Geneva Dispatch.

BATTLE NOW RAGING IN PLOKEN DISTRICT

Austrians Also Engaged With Enemy to the West of Praedil Pass.

LIMITED FIGHTING IN ADIGE

King Victor Emmanuel's Forces Attack Several Points Along Forty Miles of Carinthian

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driving toward the River Isonzo other. the Tyrol, where the rough country precludes any decisive engagement at so early a date.

on of the Austra-Hungarian coast omprised between the Italian frontier in the north to the Montenegrin boundary on the south, including all islands, ports, anchorages and bays and also the Albanian coast from the Montenegrin limits on the north to and including Cape Kiepnall on the south."

Washingtonians who would naturally recognize and defend the half-and-half investigation of the capital from ruin and of the nation from shame should at this juncture deny with curses this material, non-spiritual with curses this material, non-spiritual

tude and adds:

"Vessels belonging to friendly and neutral powers will be allowed suf-ficient time to leave the zone, the smount of time to be determined by chief of the naval forces.

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NO SURRENDER OF HALF-AND-HALF LAW

Congress Has Not Imposed Death Sentence Upon It by Creating Joint Committee.

PREJUDICE AGAINST IT NO GROUND OF REPEAL

Violations by Uncle Sam of Halfand-Half Pledge Furnish No Reason for Repudiating

It Altogether.

BY THEODORE W. NOYES. The objects of the joint citizens' com-

istorical facts are: (1) To show the origin, nature and full extent of the national obligation toward the capital; how far it has been met in the past; in what way will it most wisely and most fairly be met in the future.

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Austrian wounded are now arriving at the latter place.

The Italians also attacked at several points along the forty miles of the Carinthian frontier. A battle between the Italians and Austrians now is raging around Ploken, and also west of the Praedil pass in Austria.

In Adige the fighting has been limited to skirmishes.

Of the 250 miles of common frontier between Italy and Austria it is estimated that only one-fifth is of a character for critical military operations, and Italy's forces now in the field are following the course dictated by geographical necessity, one army driving toward the River Isonzo and Trieste and the other into the month of the confirmation of the into the whole subject of the number of community who which it is based. The flower of the conference committee the ward capital upbuilding to the contribution toward capital upbuilding to the contribution of the conference committee to examine theory into the whole subject of the conference community, whether the half-and-half arrange and Trieste and the other into the whole subject of the thalf-and-half arrange and Trieste and the other into the whole subject of the smoothness of their antagonists at the same time that they laud the smoothness of the conference community, whether the half-and-half arrange and Trieste and the other into the whole subject of the manufacture of the conference community, whether the half-and-half arrange and Trieste and the other into the whole subject of the manufacture of the conference community, whether the half-and-half arrange and the contribution of a proportionate contribution of a proportionate contribution of the conference community, whether the half-and-half arrange and the proportion of community, whether the half-and-half arrange and the proportion of community, whether the half-and-half arrange and the proportion of community, whether the half-and-half arrange and the proportion of community, whether the proportion of the conference community whether the proportion of the conference community whe

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The declaration specifies the geo-graphical limits by latitude and longi-ting it to death. No Death Sentence by Congress.

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the anabhorrent act, which we cannot
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preced in crossing, the line marked
by Cape Otrante and Cape Kiephali."

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policy to curry favor with Congress
by applauding and even participating
in an abhorrent act, which we cannot
prevent. "Congress will kill, anyhow.
Let us beat the assassin to it and do
the killing ourselves." But Congress the killing ourselves." But Congress

Object of Ancona Shelling.

Destruction of the railroad junction evidently was the object of the bombardment of Ancona by an Austrian squadron which raided the Italian coast Monday, according to additional details which have been received in Rome. The warships appeared off Ancona about midnight, accompanied by two aeroplanes, which flew over the city.

The bombardment began at 3 o'clock and continued two hours. Shells of all sizes were fired. The guns were trained, not only upon the railroad yards, but upon the military hospital, its Bank of Italy and two barracks. The cupola of the cathedral also was damaged.

Slight damage to the railroad was damaged.

Slight damage to the railroad was acaused by shell fire between Porto Recanatt and Porto Civitanova.

Because of reports that the Austrian squadron had been signaled from an Ancona brevery, all Germans employed there were arrested as spies.

Order Buildings Destroyed.

Reports received at Verona from Trentino are to the effect that the (Continued on Second Page.)

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GERMANS PREPARE FOR NEW ASSAULT ON RUSSIAN LINES

Claim That Peremysl Is Being **Encircled, Progress Being** Made to Northeast.

SLAVS ADMIT RETREAT OVER A WIDE FRONT

Latest Positions Will Get Test in Impending Great Battle-Foe Gets Praise.

FRENCH FIGHTING IN WEST

Contenders Realize Insignificant Advances Are Sure to Bring Terrible Losses-Four Reverses for Teutons Reported.

LONDON, May 27.—Out of reath after their eastward spurt, the Germans and Austrians are now bringing up reinforcements and fresh ammunition, and another great battle will be fought

they are calling as masterly as that of the allies from Mons.

The Times Petrograd correspondent says the Russian military observers consider Peremysl at the present time

tatement of today. The Belgians are statement of today. The Beiglans are reported to have repulsed two attacks in the vicinity of Dixmude, while in the sector to the north of Arras two engagements took place last night. Near Souchez one of the enemy trenches was taken, while east of Neuville St. Vasar a German advance was checked by fierce artillery fire.

According to the official German statement issued today, allied attacks between Vermelle and Lorette Hills and in the region of Soissons have been repelled.

VON BUELOW DEMANDED

preparations to depart.



ANOTHER DECLARATION OF WAR.

CHARGES ARE FILED AGAINST MR. WALSH

Chairman of Industrial Relations Commission Accused by Brainard H. Warner.

CONDUCT UNBECOMING

Mr. Warner today declined to give DANISH STEAMER SENT

These charges are the culmination of a widespread feeling in the business world of indignation at the manner in which Mr. Bockefeller and other witnesses before the commission have been treated by the chairman.

White House Officials Silent.

White House officials will not make comment upon the charges and other letters hostile to Mr. Walsh that have lately been received, or make any letters will, in the ordinary course of business, reach the President, who will dispose of them as he deems best. It is not regarded as likely, however, that the President will accede to demands for the removal of Chairman Walsh. High officials of the government have not relished Mr. Walsh's methods, but have taken no action to rebuke him.

morrow's Star.

"Taffy" von Bohlen, Head of Germany's Big Gun Factory.

The story of the German baron who married into control of the great Krupp works is an unusual one. "Taffy," as they call him, is not a warlike spirit, and when a boy his ambition was to become a "Herr Pastor." Read the story in The Sunday Star.

report being the principal business and left. In August the life of the commission ceases, and little would be gained, it is suggested, by breaking in now with the removal of Mr. Walsh.

If the findings of the commission are discredited by the attitude of Mr. Walsh the country will understand, it was said today, that its findings were not influenced in any manner by the White House.

Those who believe that the President should remove Mr. Walsh now take the position that no public official should be permitted to use his authority as Mr. Walsh has done.

SCANDINAVIANS VOICE POLICY OF NEUTRALITY

LONDON, May 27 .- Sweden, Norway feller, jr., and W. L. Mackenzie King, and Denmark have sent to Italy, Gerwho recently appeared before the commission. Mr. Warner refers to the newspaper and stenographic reports of the proceedings in support of the proceedings in support of the standinavian rations, determination to maintain strict neutrality.

TO BOTTOM BY TEUTONS

SOUTH SHIELDS, England, May 27 .-The Danish steamer Betty was torpedoed by a German submarine, in the North sea yesterday and went to the bottom. The members of her crew were rescued and have been brought to the Tyne.

The Betty was 281 feet long and of 1,267 tons net register. She was built in 1912 and was owned in Copenhagen. She sailed from Baltimore April 10 for Copenhagen.

TURCO-GERMAN AGITATION THREATENING IN PERSIA

says that Turco-German agitation in letters will, in the ordinary course of that country has assumed a threatening

100 Cash Prizes

Offered Tomorrow

a newspaper and takes a live interest in things will try for one of the 100 cash prizes offered in to-

Every man or woman who reads

Information of Plan Obtained at the War Department This Afternoon.

the place of the two infantry regiments will require fewer officers and men, according to Assistant Secretary Breckin-PETROGRAD. May 27.-A telegram ridge, in discussing the reorganization with a Star reporter today.

The reorganized guard, according to Gen. Mills, will consist of one regiment of

Officers to Meet Tonight. To make preparations for the pro-

posed reorganization a meeting of the commanding officers of the two regiments of infantry here, Col. Charles H. Ourand, commanding the 1st Infantry; Col. William E. Harvey, commanding the 2nd Infantry, as well as Lieut. Col.

FAVORS PENSIONS

Retirement System for Civil Service Employes Discussed by Secretary Lane.

NOT PREPARED TO MAKE A CHOICE OF METHODS

Replies to the Questions in The Star's Coupon Increasing in Number.

"I am in favor of a retirement and pension system for the civil service em-ployes," said Secretary Franklin K. Land of the Interior Department

"I am perfectly willing that the employes in the Interior Department shall express their views on this importan estion, and I think that The Star is doing a good work in giving them an opportunity to do so through its voting

"Personally, while I am convinced that a pension system would be a good thing for the government civil service, I have not made a sufficient study of the ques tion so far to decide which would be preferable, a contributory system or straight pension system. However, I in helped to draw up the act which provides pensions for firemen and police men in San Francisco, and that pro vides a contributory system.

Economy if Properly Managed. "Undoubtedly a properly managed pen government could retire its old and faithful employes, who have given their lives to the government service, and could put in their places younger em-ployes, making the service more efficient

ployes, making the service more efficient, necessarily.

"I do not believe in fixing an arbitrary age for retirement of the employes. I think it would be preferable to fix a period of service at the end of which employes might be retired, but would leave it discretionary with the heads of the departments as to the actual retirement of the employes. For many of the older employes are of great value to the service, and it might be advisable to continue them in office for some time after they had served out this fixed period."

Replies to Star's Questions.

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The Star's voting coupon on the sub ject of civil service retirement are in creasing in number as the days go by All the civil service employes in the permanent establishment here are urged to express their views as soon as possible so that they may be counted and tabulated. The coupon will be published daily up to and through next Monday. All answers must be in the hands of the civil service editor by

takable terms that under no circumstances is it willing to go on record as favoring a straight civil pension bill, but is inclined to give some consideration to a contributory measure; therefore it is difficult to understand why government clerks persist in their preference of a measure which they have been given to understand cannot be considered. Let us get together on the contributory plan, which Congress is willing to consider (even though the actuaries do not favor such a proposition). The passage of such a measure, even though it may be impracticable, would be an entering wedge, and the system could be improved upon later as necessity might require."

Another Expresses Views.

Evening Star to show that I believe in will give pan-America more ships.

OFFICERS ARE TO MEET
TO TAKE UP DETAILS

Assistant. Secretary Breckinridge
Makes Statement on Changes
in Contemplation.

Radical reorganization of the National Guard of the District of Columbia has been ordered by the War Department according to information given out today by Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge and Brig. Gen. A. L. Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs.

Under the plan as arranged by the War Department, a large number of officers and enlisted men now in the organization will be forced out. The proposed commands which will take the place of the two infantry regiments will recording from that plant is a great corporation, like which there of the division of militia as the place of the two infantry regiments will record from that I believe in a cluster of the division of the National Content of the question to be incompleted to the content of the corporation, like which there is a provision for ship subsidy with a content of the plant as arranged by the proposed commands which will take the place of the two infantry regiments will record from that I believe in a civil service pension. I have not will be levening Star to show that I believe in a civil service pension. I have not will give pan-America more ships. The prospect of a shipping combination is the principal subject of conference among the delegates. Uruguay to diday passed resolutions in favor of more adequate transportation facilities, and Dr. Jose E. Suay of the Salva-doran resolutions in favor of the found.

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whose methods are not popular and in pan-American carrying company and that he believes some plan will be

"Pension the old people and give the young ones a chance, whether by the contributory or straight pension plan. Just start something, and then time and experience will modify and adapt it to the needs of the government and the clerks as well."

ASQUITH GREETS ITALY.

SHIP COMBINATION TO FEDERAL CLERKS IS STRONGLY URGED BY PAN-AMERICANS

Argentina Stands Ready to Offer Big Subsidy, Dr. Pearson Says.

URUGUAY AND SALVADOR SEEK BETTER SERVICE

Need of United States Branch Banks and Extended Credits Emphasized.

GROUP CONFERENCES BUSY

Various Nations Put Forth Requirements to Better Trade and Financial Relations-Davies and Barrett Speak.

The first subject that was taken up today by the pan-American financial conference or any of its group gatherings or committees was the possibility of a great pan-American steamship combination, as outlined in The Star yesterday.

Members of the transportation committee held a meeting at 8 o'clock this morning, and Dr. Samuel Hale Pearson, chairman of the Argentine delegation, announced afterward that the committee considered the possibility both of a privately owned steamship combination and of a government owner or backed company, to run steamships from the principal ports of the United States to South American ports.

"Argentina," Dr. Pearson said, is in favor of a governmentowned line, and I have reason to believe Brazil is in favor of such a plan. If we can obtain the cooperation of the United States, I am authorized to say that Argentina will enter whole-heartedly into such a plan, or some suitable plan to be worked out to give us ships. If the other Latin American governments do not join in such a proposal Brazil, Argentina and the United States could establish such a line jointly by

themselves." Will Continue Agitation.

Dr. Pearson said the transportation ommittee will hold other meetings onstantly on this subject and that after the conference adjourns he does not intend to make the trip about the From another civil service employe members of the party, but will remain came a letter which was, in part, as in Washington with the idea of as sisting at any negotiations that may "I inclose a coupon cut from The be necessary to carry out a project that

world, and an able and alert clerk who has spent, say, ten, fifteen or twenty years in a government office and is invaluable in that particular office may, by a change of administration, or other misfortune, find himself set adrift with so many years of technical training on his hands that will profit him nothing in the world's busy marts.

Not Indication of Incompetence.

Because he is not able to adapt himself easily to the requirements of the business world is no indication that he is either lazy or incompetent, but simply that he has been trained in a school whose methods are not popular and in the service. Just before I returned to the United States President Roca authorized me to state that Argentina was ready to join with the government of the United States in financing a first-class steamship line between Buenos Aires and the city of New York. He said Argentina, although having then but one-tenth of the population of the United States, would at that time stand half of the expense. I brought that word back to this country, but Congress did not act."

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Mr. Barrett said he hoped something would be accomplished before the conference adjourns to bring about a great pan-American carrying company and

worked out.

Argentina Offers \$100,000.

Dr. Pearson pointed out that as far back as 1886 Argentina had offered a subsidy of \$100.000 for a line between the United States and South America, and, he said, "will do better now."

There is no doubt in the minds of

Lieut. Col. Anton Stephan, 2nd Infantry, and fantry, has been called for 8 o'clock tonight at District militia headquarters. Lieut. Col. Joseph C. Castner, U. S. A., adjutant general, District of Columbia militia, who assumed his duties here last week under rush orders from the War Department, issued the call for the meeting.—
For some months there have been rumors of proposed changes by the War Department of the present organization of the National Guard of the District of Columbia, but the lofficials of the War Department to the present organization of the Steps which were taken leading up to the issuance of the orders for the reorganization. Last night and today around the Center Market Armory there was open distingth and today around the Center Market Armory there was open discussed the steps which were taken (Continued on Second Page.)

British Premier Pleased at Relations and Bome.

LONDON, May 27.—It is announced finding that Premier Salandra and of the Salandra of the Head of the Pan-American Union building for the two countries had ripened into a more intimate relationship."

Premier Salandra responded with the boy that "a long era of liberty and peace may be opened in Europe."

Will Deal With Drink Problem.

LONDON, May 27.—The central board of collegates that one of the conference rosults of the conference rosults of the delegates that one of the conference will be some sort of shipping combination to give better transportation between the pan-American countries. Many of the delegates that one of the presults and the salandra of the pan-American countries. Many of the delegates that one of the pan-American countries. Many of the delegates that one of the tall pant to premier Salandra of liberty and the Shoreham, while others went to pave the shoreham while others of lands or the Shoreham, while many of the delegates that one of the